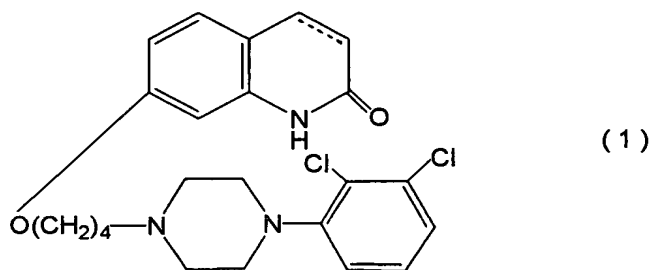


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a method of treating a patient suffering from a disorder of the central nervous system associated with 5-HT<sub>1A</sub> receptor subtype, comprising as an active ingredient a carbostyryl derivative or a salt thereof represented by the formula (1):



wherein the carbon-carbon bond between 3- and 4-positions in the carbostyryl skeleton is a single or a double bond.

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